

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Kuo. The rejection is respectfully traversed, as applied to new claims 1-7 corresponding to canceled claims 1-8.

Kuo (US 5,635,897) discloses a phone device attached to a mobile phone and a body device to be carried by a user. The phone device detects ringing of a mobile phone, and provides a phone call signal to the body device to notify a user of an incoming call.

In the claimed invention, the external signaling apparatus connected to the telecommunication terminal has an audible alarm device that is configured to be turned off by activating the external signaling apparatus. To this end, the audible alarm device is automatically activated if the external signaling apparatus is not operational or a distance between the telecommunication terminal and the external signaling apparatus exceeds a defined value (e.g. distance). In Kuo, on the other hand, activation of the body device is **a requirement for the respective cell phone to ring**. This is shown clearly in the following portions of the description of Kuo: column 1, lines 39 – 42; column 2, lines 31 – 33, 44 – 46 and 59 – 65; column 3, lines 4 – 6 and 43 – 50 as well as column 4, lines 25 and 32/33. In this case, the ring tone is detected by measuring the greater power depletion of the battery when activating the acoustic signaling apparatus of the cell phone. Kuo therefore fails to disclose the invention because the reference presupposes the ringing or the ring tone, an interference effect that the invention is meant to avoid or suppress.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122007100. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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